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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: ZAMBIA BRINGS COMPLAINT AGAINST
RHODESIA TO SECURITY COUNCIL MARCH 15

1. SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION MARCH 15 ON ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT

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AGAINST MARCH 6 RHODESIAN RAID IN ZAMBIA QUICKLY AND INEVI-
TABLY TURNED INTO AN EXTENSION OF THE JUST CONCLUDED
SC DEBATE ON RHODESIA. SPEAKING FIRST, ZAMBIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER MWALE SAW RHODESIAN RAID CONSTITUTED A GRAVE
THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. MWALE SAID
RHODESIAN RAIDERS USED SEVEN HELICOPTERS OF US MANUFACTURE,
"EACH CAPABLE OF HOLDING SIXTY MEN." HE SAID THAT THREE

OF THESE HELICOPTERS HAD BEEN DOWNED BY ZAMBIAN GROUND FIRE. AT LEAST ONE OF THESE "HAD BORN HEBREW MARKINGS." ZAMBIANS, HE SAID, HAD DOWNED TOTAL OF EIGHT ENEMY AIR-CRAFT AND KILLED MANY RAIDERS, MAKING ATTACK COSTLIEST EVER FOR SMITH. MWALE SAID THAT RAID WAS NOT DIRECTED AT GUERRILLA BASES BUT AGAINST "ZAMBIA, PERIOD." ZAMBIA WAS CAPABLE OF EFFECTIVE RETALIATION AND MIGHT CONSIDER IT.

2. MWALE THEN BROADENED HIS SCOPE BY SAYING ROOT CAUSE OF ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT WAS CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF SMITH REGIME AND SMITH'S ATTEMPT TO ENGINEER INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. SHARPLY CRITICAL OF THE HISTORY OF BRITISH INVOLVEMENT IN RHODESIA, MWALE CALLED ON SC NOT TO ALLOW BRITAIN TO ABDICATE ITS ROLE IN RHODESIA "AS IT HAD IN SOUTH AFRICA AND PALESTINE". MWALE ENDED HIS SPEECH BY CALLING FOR TIGHTER SANCTIONS ON RHODESIA, INCLUDING THE IMPOSITION OF EFFECTIVE OIL SANCTIONS.

3. BAMBA (UPPER VOLTA) ON BEHALF OF AFRICAN GROUP, CALLED ON COUNCIL TO PUT AN IMMEDIATE END TO SMITH REGIME.

4. SALIM (TANZANIA), IN "FULLY SUPPORTING" MWALE STATEMENT, STATED THAT COMPLETE FOLLY OF ANYONE BELIEVING THAT SMITH WOULD RELINQUISH POWER VOLUNTARILY. IT UNDERSCORED THE BASIC REQUIREMENT OF REMOVING SMITH AND UNCLASSIFIED

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-EFFECTING A GENUINE TRANSFER OF POWER. SMITH'S AGGRESSION, SAID SALIM, HAD TWO OBJECTIVES:

(1) TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE CONFLICT; (2) TO FORCE ZAMBIA TO DISCONTINUE ITS SUPPORT OF THE PF. SALIM THEN CALLED FOR A TIGHTENING OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA INCLUDING ALL MEASURES UNDER ARTICLE 41 OF THE CHARTER.

5. TLOU (BOTSWANA) REAFFIRMED SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLES OF THE ZAMBIAN PEOPLE AND CALLED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO PLACE ITS FULL SUPPORT BEHIND ZAMBIA. HE URGED THE SC TO CONDEMN THE RHODESIAN ATTACK ON ZAMBIA AND TO SEEK FURTHER MEANS TO EXPAND SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. LOBO(MOZAMBIQUE) DELIVERED A BRIEF STATEMENT WHICH AFFIRMED SOLIDARITY WITH ZAMBIA AND CONDEMNED RHODESIA'S RAIDS ON ZAMBIA.

6. NEXT SC SESSION ON ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT SCHEDULED FOR 3:30 PM MARCH 16. YOUNG

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